

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated September 10, 2004. Prior to this amendment claims 1-32 were pending. After amending claims 1 and 13-16, canceling claim 12, and adding claims 62-66, claims 1-11, 13-32, and 62-66 remain pending.

Section 4 of the Office Action objects to the phrase "HMO3" in claim 14. In response, claim 14 has been amended to recite --HNO3--.

In Section 5 of the Office Action claims 1-4, 8, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated with respect to Hunt et al. (US 6,073,830).

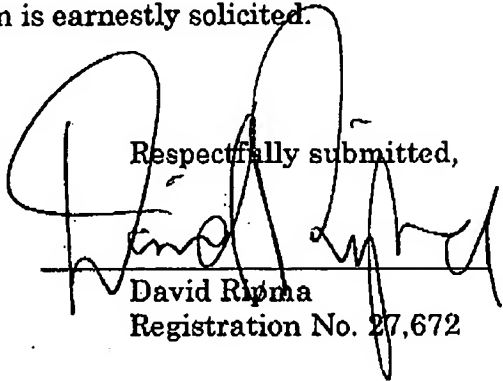
Section 6 of the Office Action states that claims 5-7, 9, and 11-26 would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the subject matter of the base and intervening claims. In response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 12, now canceled. Therefore, all claims dependent from claim 1 should now be found allowable. New claim 62 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 4, and 5. New claim 63 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 4, and 6. New claim 64 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 4, and 7. New claim 65 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 1, 8, and 9. New claim 66 was added incorporating the subject matter of claims 1 and 11.

Section 6 of the Office Action also states that claims 27-32 have been allowed. Note, the Applicant neither expressly agrees, nor disagrees with the stated reasons for allowance.

It is believed that the application is in condition for
allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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